

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Masaya UEHARA et al.**

Serial Number: **Not Yet Assigned**

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Customer No.: 23850

For: **MULTI-FUNCTION MACHINE TOOL AND MACHINING METHOD IN
MULTI-FUNCTION MACHINE TOOL**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 26, 2003

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Preliminary Amendment:
By: Masaya UEHARA

Attorney Docket No.031196

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, in the abovementioned multi-function machine tool, it is desirable that at least a milling tool that performs the rough machining of the abovementioned helical grooves, and a plate-form bite (it is intended that the term “bite” refers to a tool, cutting tool or turning tool) that performs the finishing machining of the abovementioned helical grooves can be mounted on the abovementioned turning tool rest.